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SUBJECT: GSP COMPETITIVE NEED REVISIONS MARCH 1

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- 1. KOREA CANNED GOODS EXPORT ASSOCIATION HAS LODGED AN URGENT INQUIRY RE COMPETITIVE NEED EXCLUSION OF KOREAN EXPORTS OF TSUSA 114.05, CANNED CLAMS. STATISTICS FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS INDICATE KOREAN EXPORTS AMOUNTED TO 51 PERCENT OF U.S. IMPORTS AND THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT KOREA WILL LOSE GSP TREATMENT FOR THAT ITEM. HOWEVER, ASSOCIATION STATES THAT NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 1977 ARRIVALS WERE VERY SMALL SUGGESTING THE POSSIBILITY THAT IF IMPORTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES REMAINED AT NORMAL LEVELS THE KOREAN PERCENTAGE WOULD DROP BELOW 50 PERCENT AND GSP EIGIBILITY WOULD CONTINUE. AD VALOREM 14 PERCENT DUTY IS A SIGNIFICANT FACTOR TO ROK CLAM EXPORTS.
- 2. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPARTMENT INFORM US ASAP WHETHER NOVEMBER/DECEMBER ARRIVALS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES MAY BE EXPECTED TO REDUCE THE PERCENTAGE OF KOREAN CANNED CLAMS FOR ALL OF 1977 BELOW 50 PERCENT.

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